

**Minutes of the Town of Westport Regular Board Meeting on October 10, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Tyler at 6:00 p.m.

The Assembly was led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present on a roll call were:

Councilperson Page  
Councilperson Viens  
Councilperson Morrison  
Supervisor Tyler  
Excused: Councilperson Paquette

Others present:

Julie Schreiber, Town Clerk  
Dennie Westover, DPW Superintendent (arrived at 6:40 p.m.)

**RESOLUTION #179  
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion by Councilperson Page, seconded by Councilperson Viens, and approved on a roll call vote.

4 Ayes Page, Viens, Morrison, Tyler  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to enter into Executive Session at 6:01 p.m. to discuss the union contract.

**RESOLUTION #180  
CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion by Councilperson Viens, seconded by Councilperson Morrison, and approved on a roll call vote.

4 Ayes Page, Viens, Morrison, Tyler  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to close Executive Session and return to Regular Session at 6:27 p.m.

**RESOLUTION #181  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2017 MINUTES**

On a motion by Councilperson Page, seconded by Councilperson Viens, and approved on a roll call vote.

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4 Ayes Page, Viens, Morrison, Tyler  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the September 26, 2017 Regular Board Meeting as received.

**RESOLUTION #182**  
**OCTOBER 4, 2017 MINUTES**

On a motion by Councilperson Viens, seconded by Councilperson Morrison, and approved on a roll call vote.

4 Ayes Page, Viens, Morrison, Tyler  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the October 4, 2017 Special Board Meeting as received.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**YOUTH COMMISSION** – Ed Mason sent an email update. The Bidy Soccer Season has ended and they will soon begin the Basketball Season. The Dance and Movement Program begins next Monday. The Youth Commission will be taking over the Ballard Park skating rink.

**TOWN HALL RENOVATION** – There was a minor setback with acquiring new desks, but they should arrive by the end of the week. High Peak will be building some cabinets and shelves. The project should be completed by the end of the month.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION #183**  
**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

On a motion by Councilperson Morrison, seconded by Councilperson Viens, and approved on a roll call vote.

4 Ayes Page, Viens, Morrison, Tyler  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to authorize the payment of bills on Abstract 10A in the amount of \$73,161.08 for Vouchers 2017-542 through 2017-580.

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**RESOLUTION #184**  
**BUDGET TRANSFERS**

On a motion by Councilperson Morrison, seconded by Councilperson Viens, and approved on a roll call vote.

4 Ayes Page, Viens, Morrison, Tyler  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to authorize the following budget transfers:

\$4,000 from Machinery EQ 51302.3 to Misc PS 51401.3  
\$500 from Machinery EQ 51302.3 to Misc PS 51401.3.59  
\$1,722.15 from Contingency 19904.10 to Treatment/Disp 81304.10  
\$100 from Contingency 19904.10 to Medical Ins. 90608.10  
\$600 from Contingency 19904.12 to Administration PS 83101.12  
\$100 from Contingency 19904.12 to Medical Ins. 90608.12  
\$500 from Parks PS 71101.1 to Youth Program 73104.1  
\$5,000 from Contingency 19904.1 to Garage CE 51324.1.25

**RESOLUTION #185**  
**BALLOT PROPOSAL #3**

On a motion by Councilperson Page, seconded by Councilperson Morrison, and approved on a roll call vote.

4 Ayes Page, Viens, Morrison, Tyler  
0 Nays

**WHEREAS**, the NY State Forest Preserve lands, in many instances, border local and state highways where local government needs to use a portion of land to straighten a dangerous road, replace a culvert to prevent floods, create a safer bike path, drill a water supply well, or install broadband and other critical infrastructure, and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Amendment will create a land account with up to 250 acres of State Forest Preserve land eligible for use by town, villages, and counties that have no viable alternative to using State Forest Preserve and to address specific public health or safety concerns, and

**WHEREAS**, as in exchange for the land removed from the State Forest Preserve, another 250 acres of land will be added to the State Forest Preserve, subject to NY State legislative approval, and

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**WHEREAS**, the proposed Amendment also will allow bicycle trails and certain public utility lines to be located within the width of specific highways that cross the State Forest Preserve while minimizing the removal of trees and vegetation, and

**WHEREAS**, the NY State Constitution has been amended to allow such projects in the past, requiring approval by two separately elected NY State Legislatures and a Statewide Referendum, and

**WHEREAS**, there exists currently a NYS DOT landbank for NY State road projects which has a long-standing record of success, and

**WHEREAS**, if approved by the voters of New York State, Ballot Proposal #3 would eliminate the time-consuming and costly bureaucratic process for completing important road maintenance, utility installation, and bicycle path creation projects in the Adirondacks and Catskills, a process not faced by communities in any other region of New York State, and

**WHEREAS**, the Amendment has wide bipartisan support from local governments, environmental protection organizations, business groups, recreational enthusiasts, and others for two simple reasons; It's for public good and it's rooted in plain old common sense, and

**WHEREAS**, this Amendment represents the best possible solution to long standing or continuing issues, which local government leaders have worked for many years to resolve, and

**WHEREAS**, Ballot Proposal #3 on November 7, 2017 warrants the support of all the voters of New York State.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Westport Board does hereby support Ballot Proposal #3 on November 7, 2017, which is deemed critically important to our local communities, the State Forest Preserve, the environment, and the People of the State of New York, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that certified copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to NYSAC and the Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages.

**GOFF RD** – The board discussed concerns with the speed limit on Goff Road; they would like it to be reduced. Dennie will check his sign manual for information on posting “Children at Play” signs.

**RESOLUTION #186**  
**GOFF RD SPEED LIMIT**

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4 Ayes Page, Viens, Morrison, Tyler  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Westport will take the necessary steps to establish a speed limit reduction for Goff Road from 45mph to 35mph.

**MONTHLY REPORTS** – The supervisor is in receipt of the Town Clerk’s and Town Court’s September reports.

**RESOLUTION #187**  
**AMTRAK LEASE RENEWAL**

On a motion by Councilperson Viens, seconded by Councilperson Morrison, and approved on a roll call vote.

4 Ayes Page, Viens, Morrison, Tyler  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to renew the Westport Train Station Lease between the Town of Westport and the National Railroad Passenger Corporation for a 10 year term, expiring October 31, 2018.

**DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT** – The dissolved oxygen meters have been installed. The cost was slightly over the quoted amount; Dennie will call the company about a possible credit for the difference. The highway crew has started hauling sand. Winter tires are needed for the trucks and Dennie compiled three price quotes. He recommended Pete’s Tire Barn, the company with the lowest per-tire rate.

**RESOLUTION #188**  
**TIRE PURCHASE**

On a motion by Councilperson Viens, seconded by Councilperson Morrison, and approved on a roll call vote.

4 Ayes Page, Viens, Morrison, Tyler  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to authorize Dennie Westover to purchase 12 tires from Pete’s Tire Barn for the amount of \$178/tire.

**RESOLUTION #189**  
**CULVERT PURCHASE**

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On a motion by Councilperson Page, seconded by Councilperson Viens, and approved on a roll call vote.

4 Ayes Page, Viens, Morrison, Tyler  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to authorize the purchase of culverts through the County Contract for the amount of \$2818.40.

**RESOLUTION #190**  
**PUBLIC HEARING**

On a motion by Councilperson Viens, seconded by Councilperson Morrison, and approved on a roll call vote.

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Morrison, Tyler  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to schedule a Public Hearing for the 2018 Preliminary Budget on November 14, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. The Regular Meeting will immediately follow.

**SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS** – Supervisor Tyler received a letter from Monette Stephens about the tree near the old schoolhouse. The tree that was planted last year needs to be replaced and will be this fall. Charter Communications sent a letter stating the removal of a Sportsman channel from their lineup.

**RESOLUTION #191**  
**NO HUNTING SIGNS**

On a motion by Councilperson Page, seconded by Councilperson Viens, and approved on a roll call vote.

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Morrison, Tyler  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to post “No Hunting” signs at the beach and wastewater plant.

**COUNCILPERSON COMMENTS** – Councilpersons Morrison and Viens matched street light locations to a list provided by the electric company. Quite a few were not found, so Supervisor Tyler will call for their exact locations. They will check streetlight outages soon.

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**RESOLUTION #192**  
**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Councilperson Morrison, with a unanimous second, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Julie Schreiber, Town Clerk